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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Armstrong et al.		
Serial No.:	09/835,699	Case: 19258CC	Art Unit: 1634
Filed:	April 16, 2001		
For:	POLYNUCLEOTIDE HERPES VIRUS VACCINE		
Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450			
Examiner: James Martinell			

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL, 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 25, 2005, for which an unextended reply is due August 25, 2005, please consider the following amendments and the foregoing remarks. Applicants are filing a response within two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action and respectfully request an Advisory Action (M.P.E.P. 710.02(e)). Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.

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